

Amendment
Serial No. 09/874,507

Docket No. US 010386

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 1-3 and 5-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Evans (USP no. 6,347,329).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter, the claims have been amended to more clearly state the invention. More specifically, the claims have been amended to recite that a subset of the selected findings is displayed in a second area of the summary section in addition to, and independent of, the selected findings. No new matter has been added.

Support for the amendment may be found in Figure 4 and 5, which illustrate the displayed findings (Figure 4) and a subset of the findings displayed in a second area independent of the displayed findings. (Figure 5).

Evans describes a system wherein the user is provided a dropdown menu containing a list of pre-chosen codes that the physician may select and incorporate into the report. Evans teaches "to enter a diagnosis, a physician clicks on the scroll down button adjacent to the system box to produce a list of body systems. The physician selects the appropriate system and the diagnosis module enters the selected system in the system box and provides a list having specific diagnosis codes for the selected body system in the diagnosis box 334. The physician then selects the appropriate diagnosis code and clicks on the add button adjacent to the diagnosis selection box."

Evans teaches that the user may enter a specific diagnosis code from a list of pre-chosen codes, but fails to teach that the user is able to select a subset of the codes and display the subset in addition to and independent of the displayed codes.

For at least this reason, applicant submits that the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome as Evans fails to teach each and every element claimed.

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Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.


With regard to independent claims 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, these claims recite subject matter similar to that recited in claim 1 and were rejected for the same reason used in rejecting claim 1. Thus, for the amendment made to the claims, which are similar to those made with regard to claim 1 and for the remarks made in response to the rejection of claim 1, which are also applicable in response to the rejection of these claims, and reasserted, as if in full, herein, applicant submits that the reason for rejecting these claims has been overcome and the rejection can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

With regard to the remaining claims, these claims ultimately depend from the independent claims which have been shown to contain subject matter not disclosed by, and, hence, allowable over, the reference cited. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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